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FOREWORD

The *Sunbeam* is the fortunate possessor of a newspaper file of the *Salem Messenger and Public Advertiser*, beginning Wednesday, January 1, 1823, No. 172. This indicates that this weekly newspaper commenced publication three years and sixteen weeks earlier or September 15, 1819. The subscription price was two dollars a year and Elijah Brooks, whose printed books and forms are sometimes noticed by antiquarians was the publisher of the "Messenger."

It is very much regretted that the first files between September 15, 1819 and January 1, 1823 cannot be found although it is quite possible they still exist. The file belonging to the *Sunbeam* ends with the number of December 20, 1826, but it is known the "Messenger" continued until the year 1834 as will be explained later. By a curious coincidence the *Columbian Herald*, a newspaper of Woodbury, commenced publication the next week after the *Messenger* or September 23, 1819.

The compiler has found these two county newspapers were very much alike in many ways. They both paid more attention to foreign news than local. Because of this the advertisements are more prolific sources of information than the news columns. When a merchant removed from an old to a new business stand he did not get a "write-up" free of charge. He had to pay for an advertisement. This also applied to

notices of all kinds of meetings even those of a political, religious or charitable character.

The compiler within the last four or five months has read or glanced over close to eight thousand newspaper pages and has carded over ten thousand deaths and marriages, of the counties of Salem and Old Gloucester, principally of the latter but no effort will be made to make genealogical references except in a few instances. It is possible that some time in the future they may be printed in a separate book if the loss is not too excessive.

One learns from the ancient newspaper of Salem, which incidently was not the first one according to Postmaster Joseph S. Sickler, that the County seat had a great many different kind of enterprises long since forgotten. If there is any real charm to these articles to appear in the *Sunbeam*, it will be expressed by persons who will say "I have never heard of that before."

When one reads an isolated manuscript document there is much more left unsaid than otherwise. This also applies to a newspaper. The compiler is nothing more than an editor and has selected items from his own view point and experience. Another person could go through the files of the "Messenger" and without doubt could compile as much or more of interest beyond what has been selected by

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President of the Gloucester County Historical Society
Woodbury, New Jersey
June 14th, 1933.

1507875 SKETCHES OF SALEM, 1823-26

In the first number of January 1, 1823 Clement and Scull advertised a large supply of mackerel of one, two and three sizes in barrels.

Jacob Mulford, a merchant of Salem, died December 29, 1822 in his 57th year.

The Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company (Now the Salem National Bank and Trust Company) recently organized, published an advertisement as follows, in the first issue:

SALEM STEAM MILL AND BANKING COMPANY

Notice is hereby given, to the Stockholders of the Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company, that an election for thirteen directors will be held at the house of Michael Hackett in Salem, on Thursday the Sixth day of February next, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

Thomas Sinnickson
Samuel Clement
Samuel L. James
Benjamin Griscom
Morris Hancock
John Tuft
William N. Jeffers
Commissioners.

Salem, Dec. 31, 1822.

Imprisonment for debt was in vogue January 1, 1823 when this mutual advertisement was printed.

TAKE NOTICE,

That the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Salem, have appointed Saturday the 21st day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the Court House in the Town of Salem, to hear what can be alleged for or against our liberation from confinement as insolvent debtors.

William Kelley
Nehemiah English
William Treadway
James B. Nicholson
Joseph Thompson
John Elbin
Robert Kearny
Jacob Hughes
Samuel Sharp
James B. Miller.

December 10, 1822.

Clement Aston offered to pay the highest Philadelphia prices for muskrat, otter, mink and fox skins either in cash, fur or wool hats.

William Johnson, Samuel L. James, Ephriam Lloyd, James Johnson, Edmund Hall, and John Redstrake published a warning notice to gunners and trappers to keep off their lands in the "Saupony" meadows in Lower Penns Neck, if permissions were not obtained.

J. Kinsey advertised a wheelwright shop for rent near Craven's Ferry in Penns Neck also a shop suitable for a shoemaker or tailor.

Thomas W. Cattell, Joseph E. Brown and Samuel Bassett formed a new partnership to be known as Cattell, Brown and Bassett. They sold all kinds of dry goods including bombazets, bombazeens and jacksonets also groceries, iron mongery, glass and queensware and mackerel.

Furman Lloyd died suddenly in bed.

William Penton married Mary Ballinger of Mannington.

The Union Hotel, Salem, in the tenure of Michael Hackett, was for rent by Thomas Rowan and the tavern in Sculltown by John Jaquett.

George Abbott offered the farm for sale where he lived, formerly occupied by Thomas Lawice, in Pilesgrove on the old road leading from Sharptown to Woodstown, containing 271 acres.

Stoughton and Belden offered to buy muskrat skins for cash.

Joel Fithian of Salem, Joseph Fithian of Woodbury, Charles Garrison of Fairton and Robert Bateman advertised the mill in the tenure of the latter, at the head waters of Cedar Creek in Cedarville for sale also a rebuilt saw mill on the same stream.

The following advertisement appeared in the January 15th number.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. J. January 1, 1823.

Joseph Adkinson, Jr., Jonathan Ale, Enoch R. Allen, Benjamin Acton 2, John Adams, William Bassett, Mary Bassett, John G. Ballinger, Elizabeth Binn, Susannah Borden, Daniel Bornd, Hiram

Brown, Joseph Chew, Joseph Carman, Daniel Clayton, Daniel Campbell, William M. Dunham, John Dickinson, Esq. 2, Henry Denniss, Thomas Eldridge, William Elliott, Joseph Fogg, John Fry, John Flanagan, Benjamin Ford, Harris Flanagan, Lieut. H. Freas, William Goodwin, John Groff, New Jersey Gazette, Martha Hancock, Empson Haines, Ann Hall, Jacob Hewett, Jacob Hoover, Samuel Hilliard, Joseph Harriss, Jonathan Hildreth, Daniel Johnson, Artemesia Keasbey 2, Richard G. Kendall, Asa Kirby, Richard Kirby, Ephraim Lloyd, Stacy Lloyd, Esq., John Lampson, Stephen Mulford 2, Furman Mulford, John G. Mason, John May 2, John McChesney 2, Lydia Miller, James B. Miller, Robert Manning, Messenger, Eliza Nicholson, Thomas Patterson, Daniel Peats, Zaccheus Ray, Esq. 2, Pardon Ryan; Joseph Riley, Rebecca Roberts, H. R. Reese, William Stretch, Joseph Stout, Henry Snitcher, Sarah Scattergood, Paul Scull, Edon Seeley, David Sparks, Ann Smith, John S. Tinker, James Thompson 2, John Tyler, Benjamin Tyler, David Ulards, Dr. James Van Meter, Ellen Weir, John Watters, Samuel Watson, Jacob Woad, Joel Yapp.

SAMUEL SHERRON, P. M.

Judge John Nichols died at Sharpstown, January 19, 1823.

Isaac Wiley died in Upper Penns Neck, John Sickler in Elsinboro and the wife of John Mink in Lower Penns Neck.

Jonas Heritage of Woodstown and Francis Cassedy dissolved partnership. They were Woodstown wheelwrights. Thomas Hammett succeeded Cassedy in this firm.

A long article about the propagation of silk worms appeared on the first page of the issue of January 29.

D. C. Yarrow, a Moor, died at Georgetown, D. C. at the age of one hundred and thirty-five years. This sounds like the mermaid and sea serpent yarns of the era.

Samuel Clement advertised a lot of land in Salem on what was called Penny Hill. It contained two acres. He also had some wood land in Upper Alloways Creek at a place known as Turnip Hill. The following about military affairs was advertised January 29.

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TO ARMS ! !
THE SALEM LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY and SALEM BAND,
Will assemble in parade order, at the
Inn of James Sherron in Salem, on Sat-

urday the 22d day of February, at 10 o'clock, A. M. completely equipped for military duty.

N. B. White pantaloons, by order of the Captain.

GEORGE BARR, O. S.
Salem, January 21.

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The January 29th issue also contained the following notice:

SALEM STEAM MILL
AND BANKING COMPANY.

The undersigned, Judges of Election, appointed by the Commissioners named in the act incorporating the Salem Steam Mill & Banking Company—hereby give notice, that the Stockholders may vote at the Election for Directors to be held on the sixth day of February next, at the house of Michael Hackett in Salem, either personally, or by attorney or proxy.

HEDGE THOMPSON
JOHN G. MASON
JOSEPH KILLE.

Salem, January 18, 1823.

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If any reader has a copy of the vision of Deacon Newcomb advertised in the "Messenger" it should be worth reprinting.

THE VISION OF
BUTLER NEWCOMB,

Of Fairfield township, Cumberland county, New Jersey, and Deacon of the Baptist Church at Dividing Creek, for sale at this office, price 12½ cents.

The sloop Fair Play from New York, Alexander Lawrence, Master, arrived at Salem after a voyage of 50 hours. Her cargo of mackerel, potatoes, shell barks, Scotch, herring, chestnuts, brooms and codfish was for sale at reasonable prices by John Corcosen and Captain Lawrence.

The powder mills at Brandywine exploded and ten or twelve lives were lost.

Three supposed silver coins with two supposed Arabic or Chaldean inscriptions were found in undisturbed ground about six feet below the surface while digging a cellar at Bridgeton.

A wild cat two feet eleven inches long weighing 21½ pounds was killed on the Maurice river in Cumberland County.

William T. Mulford & Co. opened a new store in the place formerly occupied by Jacob Mulford & Co. They advertised nearly everything.

This advertisement was published February 12th.

SALEM STEAM MILL
AND BANKING COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Stockholders of the Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company, are requested to pay to the subscriber in the town of Salem an instalment of FIVE DOLLARS on each share of the Capital stock of said company, on or before the fifteenth day of March next.

By order of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM MULFORD, Cashier.

Salem, Feb. 11, 1823-5t.

The First Bank in Salem.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN,

That the subscribers are authorized to procure a suitab'e lot situated in the town of Salem for the purpose of erecting thereon a BANKING HOUSE, and will receive proposals for the purchase of a lot, until the 19th instant. The proposals must state the situation, boundaries and quantity of land, and the price demanded for the same.

JAMES NEWELL

JOHN TUFT

JOSEPH KILLE.

Salem, Feb. 11, 1823-2t.

The funeral elegy of Napoleon pronounced at St. Helena, May 9, 1821, was copied from a translation from the French language in the February 19, 1823 issue.

Col. Erkuries Beatty, officer of the Revolution, formerly at Cumberland County, died at Princeton.

The sloop "New Construction" ran as a packet between Salem Old Bridge and Arch St. wharf, Philadelphia. Enoch Boon Jr., was master. He left Salem on Mondays and Philadelphia on Thursdays.

Israel R. Clawson requested that book accounts due to him should be paid.

Bacon & Wood advertised their large stock of lumber, groceries, crockery, hardware, dry goods, wines, etc., would be sold at public vendue.

This and the following advertisement were printed January 26th. Sharptown citizens used to be quite active in County affairs if the files of the Messenger are a reliable criterion.

BRIGADE BOARD.

The Salem Brigade Board will meet at the house of Swaine Brundige in Sharptown, on Monday the 24th instant, at 10 o'clock, a. m.—A punctual attendance of the Battalion Paymasters is expected.

By order of the Board.

BENJ'N NICHOLS, Clk.
Feb. 18, 1823.

TO RENT,

THE RED STORE HOUSE

in Sharptown, with

DWELLING-HOUSE, BARN,

Smoke and Slaughter houses attached.

The rent will be reasonable and possession given the 25th of March next.

Apply to

JONATHAN BILDERBACK

Haine's Neck, 2d mo. 18th, 1823

Christopher Knisell, died at Mullica Hill, Samuel Thompson in Elsinboro, William Waddington in L. A. Creek and Ann Diver at Pedricksburg. Asa Kirby Jr., married Elizabeth Bassett at Pedricksburg, both of Upper Penns Neck.

David Shute, A. M. preceptor of the Salem Academy, proposed to open his school for the fourth winter, March 10th, 1823. It was limited to twenty-four students of whom 13 were engaged.

Schmidt & Rolon were house painters in Salem.

A hog was killed, twenty-two months old that weighed alive 975 lbs., dressed 866.

A steam boat with a band of music was expected at Salem to take away Tyler's celebrated fat ox.

The issue of the paper of March 19th was smaller because of scarcity of paper.

Two large poplars in front of the Court House were thrown down by a high wind.

Washington Hall and Mansion House Hotel in Philadelphia, and the house of James Reed in U. A. Creek were destroyed by fire.

Horatio Lawrence opened a confectionary store in the room under the printing office.

Benjamin Hewitt and Sarah Adams were married by Zacheus Ray, Esq. in Alloways Creek.

Joseph Hilliard advertised six cents reward for the return of a bond girl named Mary Garrison, aged 16.

Solomon Chase forbid persons of the whole world on land and sea from trusting his wife Mary, on his account, March 19th.

This appeared in the March 19th number.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION

The following persons were on Tuesday week elected officers of the Township of Salem for the ensuing year.

James Newell, Moderator; Samuel Sherron, Town-Clerk; Thomas W. Cattell, Assessor; James Sherron, Maskel

Mulford, Benjamin Riley, Commissioners of Appeal; Joseph Kille, John G. Mason, Chosen Freeholders; William Sherron, Henry Dennis, Surveyors of the Highways; William Mankin, Jr., James W. Mulford, Overseers of the Highways; David E. Williams, Judge of Election; Clement Acton, Joseph Kille, Ebenezer Smith, James Newell, Joseph Dennis, Township Committee; James S. Hall, William Swing, CConstables; William Wood, Pound Keepers; James Logue, Collector.

The following are a list of persons elected officers of the township of Lower Alloways Creek, on the 11th. inst. for the ensuing year:

Isaac English, Clerk; James Butcher, Assessor; John W. Maskell, Collector; James Butcher, Edward Waddington, Chosen Freeholders; Joel Mills, Jesse Patrick, Surveyors of the Highways; David Fogg, Daniel Ashton, Constables.

WANTED—a person to teach school in the frame School House, in Woodstown. Apply to either of the subscribers.

Samuel Edwards, James Bright, John Adams, Israel S. Reed, Joseph L. Risley, Trustees.

March 18, 1823—3t

A GENERAL NOTICE

The whole world (including land and sea) are hereby forbid and cautioned against trusting my wife, Mary Chase, upon my account as I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

SOLOMON CHASE.
March 10th, 1823—3t

This melancholy advertisement appeared in the March 19th number.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE, that the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Salem, have appointed Tuesday the 29th day of April next, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the Court House in the town of Salem, to hear what can be alleged for or against our liberation from confinement as insolvent debtors.

John Hufman, George A. Stanton, Thomas Layton, John M. Stout, Samuel Daniels, William Fox, Daniel Vinson, John Nicholson, Thomas Johnson.

Salem Prison, March 18.

S. Sherron, town clerk, warned the citizens that hogs would not be permitted to run at large in Salem. The penalty was 12½ cents per head.

Mark and James Riley did blacksmith work opposite Clement and Scull's store near the old bridge.

Captain James Mason was master of the new and strong sloop Marianna which ran between Salem and Philadelphia once a week. He had served the public for 17 years past as captain of a packet.

An incident of the Revolution translated from the German which occurred shortly after the battle of Brandywine of a sordid nature was printed, in the issue of March 26, 1823.

Mary Mason sold bread, cakes, fruits, confectionery, porter, ale and meal next door to Ellison Collin's smith shop.

This was a news item of March 26th.

The Philadelphia Union states, that the LARGE BEEF, raised by Mr. Tyler, and sold on Saturday, by the Messrs. Champions, in the Jersey Market, weighed as follows:

Beef 2111, tallow 365, hide 176—2652 lbs.

This was the Salem county ox that was previously mentioned.

Salemites did not go after their mail every day in olden times. Letters were sent postage collect.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. J., April 1, 1823.

Mary B. Allen, John Blackwood, Dr. Wm. Bacon 3, Job Davis, Rebecca Blackwood, Jael Bowan, Thomas Brown, David Bowan, Esq., Mark Bradway, John Cooper, Mary G. Conrea 2, Sarah Casper, Asa Couch, John M. Chesney, John Croan, Hannah Collins, Elijah Denn, Samuel Dunn, Mary Demeris, John Dickinson, Annas Dorrell, John Dickenson, Catherine Diver, Daniel Dougherty, William Dunham, Thomas Dickenson, John Debarriss, Thomas Eldridge, William Ellet, Joseph Fogg 2, Mary Gamble, Thomas Guest, Hon. Daniel Garrison, Henry Hudson, Andrew Hann, Lawrence Hoffman, Rev. Mr. Harriss 2, Hannah Huddey, Elizabeth Hall, Barney Hopkens, Elizabeth Harriss, William Hilman, Ann Hall, James Johnson, James H. Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Messrs. P. Karr, Gaius Leonard, Isabella Lloyd, Francis Lemen, David M'Daniels, John Mayhew, Mary Michael, John Miller, Thomas M'Gee,

Thomas Murphy, Martha Mowers, Marlen Nichson, Josiah H. Nicholson, Sarah Pedrick 2, Hannah Pedrick 2, Daniel Peatts, Joseph Peak, John D. Perry, Dr. Thomas Rowan, Rachel Ringle, Joseph Stout, Rev. Joseph Sheppard, James Stretch, Catherine Sinnickson, Mary Sayre, John Snitcher, Mary Sheets, David Sheppard, Marmaduke Smith, Samuel Seagrave, Ann Thompson, Mary A. Tyler, Thomas Truss, James Wills, Sarah Wetherby, Jonathan Woodnutt, Martha Woodnutt, Joseph Watters, Robert Walker, John Yarrow.

Samuel Sherron, P. M.

All persons indebted for postage of letters or newspapers, are requested to call and settle the same on or before the first day of May next, or they may expect to pay cost.

The people of Woodstown were also reluctant to pay postage especially when they did not know what the letters contained.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Woodstown, New Jersey, March 31, 1823.

Arn Adams, Job Davis, Isaac Bacon, William Borton, George Colwell, John Davis, Daton Daniels, Thomas Dickor, Nathan Evans, Biven Flitcraft, Joseph Fogg, Joseph Fields, Levi Jennings, Samuel Johnson, Thomas Ivins, Jonathan Pedrick, Eliza, & Sidney Owen, Achsa Robins, Rachel Ridgway, Samuel Riley.

Israel R. Clawson, P. M.

John Tuft, Esq., lost his sloop Milton, Capt. Sheppard, near Cape Henry. No lives were lost.

Cornelius Austin died in Upper Alloways Creek township.

Alphonso L. Eakin, Atty. at Law, lived in Woodstown.

The report of the Watering Committee of Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia was printed in the April 9, 1823 number.

A circulating library was kept at the Messenger office which furnished all kinds of blank books and legal forms.

Wm. J. Shinn, merchant, moved into the place formerly occupied by Bacon & Wood.

A gale swept the coast. The schooner Thomas, Capt. Winant, laden with coal and tobacco, was wrecked on the Great Egg Harbor beach March 29.

The following advertisement of April 99th, 1823 shows the opening day of the Banking Company. Also how to make a note payable.

THE SALEM STEAM-MILL AND BANKING COMPANY,

WILL open their Banking house for business on Tuesday, 15th inst. Notes intended to be offered for discount must be left with the Cashier before 11 o'clock, A. M. The discount days are Tuesdays and Fridays.

Paper intended to be offered for discount must be drawn in the following form.

Salem (or place of date) April 1823.
Dolls.

Sixty days after date I promise to pay A. B. or bearer, at the Banking house of The Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company

Dollars without defalcation or discount for value received.

WILLIAM MULFORD, Cash'r.
April 8, 1823.

Delzil Keasbey wanted to buy musk rat skins which seems to have been quite a business.

Hedge Thompson, James Vanmeter and Thomas Sinnickson, Trustees, offered to rent the front of the Academy lot, for purposes of erecting new buildings, for a term not exceeding ten years.

Elisha Collins offered Peacock's patent ploughs for sale.

The executors of the will of David Tatum deceased offered his farms and yard in Pilesgrove for sale.

Thomas L. Davis, fancy boot and shoemaker, in Salem also sold leather.

The sale of John Moore White's real estate by the late Sheriff J. Richman was postponed.

The following military advertisements appeared in the April 16th number:

BRIGADE BOARD

The Brigade Board of the Salem Brigade, will meet at the house of Thomas Scott, in Sharptown, on Monday the 21st inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. of which all concerned will take notice. By order,

BEN. NICHOLS, Clerk.
April 14, 1823.

ATTENTION

The Gentlemen Composing the Salem Horse Guards will meet in the town of Salem, on Monday 21st day of April at 10 o'clock A. M. to perform Military Duty according to law.

SAMUEL PAULIN, O. S.

The Salem Infantry and Band, will appear at the house of James Sherron,

on Monday the 21st inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. completely equipt., in order to perform military duty, according to law.

By order of the Captain.

GEORGE BARR, O. S.

Kille's Island shad and herring fishery at the mouth of Oldmans Creek was offered for lease by Samuel and Joseph Kille.

Thomas Reeve operated a stage between Salem and Bridgeton through Allowaystown and Roadstown. His advertisement follows:

SALEM & BRIDGETON STAGE

THE SUBSCRIBER informs the inhabitants of Salem and Cumberland, that he has commenced running a Stage from the Town of Salem, by the way of Allowaystown and Roadstown to Bridgeton,—to leave Salem, calling at the Taverns and private houses when requested, every Tuesday morning and return the same day. This line will meet the Steam-boat Stage in Salem for Philadelphia,—and land persons at either of the taverns or where requested. The Steam boat and Stage fare from Salem to Philadelphia is \$1.50—arrives every day. Fare from Salem to Bridgeton 75 cents. People travelling from the lower counties to and from Philadelphia to the Cape, passing through the pleasant towns of Salem and Bridgeton, and other small towns, will find this a most agreeable, cheap and expeditious route.

THOMAS REEVE.

Salem, May 6.

John Tuft opened a new store at Quinton's Bridge.

Firman Sheppard was major of the Salem Troop of Horse.

Samuel H. Runyan succeeded John Logan as proprietor of the Golden Sheaf Hotel at Swedesboro, which is still in operation.

Thomas Rowan had 200 head of full blooded Merino steer for sale at Salem.

George Remster did wool carding at Thompson's Bridge.

Nearly every stream had its grist or woolen mill a century ago. The following is a fine sample advertisement:

WOOL CARDING, SPINNING-WEAVING, FULLING, DYING & DRESSING OF CLOTH

THE Subscriber informs the public in general, that his Machines in the old Baset or Sharp Mill, has undergone a thorough repair, and received the addition of new Cards throughout, and are now in complete order for carding wool into rolls, manufacturing into Cloth, Blanketing, Satinet, or plain Linsey—at the customary prices.

Wool for Carding or Spinning, may be left at the Stores of MEDARA & HERITAGE, Woodstown—CLEMENT & SCULL, and Wm. T. MULFORD & CO. Salem—where it will be called for and returned every week on Fourth Day.

A. M'Altioner.

Otto James, of Philadelphia, advertised furniture for sale, and intended to quit the cabinet business.

Two mad dogs were killed, one in U. P. Neck, the other in Mannington township.

Henry Sparks, Jr. was married to Sarah Coffee, of Philadelphia.

The American Bible Society held its 7th annual meeting in New York City.

The Right Reverend John Croes preached at St. Georges Church in Penns Neck and St. John's in Salem.

Jacob Walter, a pensioner of the Revolution, died in U. A. Creek, aged 70, May 16th, 1823.

Miriam Hancock died at Pedricksburg, aged 65.

Samuel Paulin was orderly sergeant of the Salem Horse Guards.

Jacob Ridgway died in U. P. Neck.

Horatio Lawrence sold ice cream at his dwelling house at the corner building opposite the jail. He may have been the predecessor of Bruna and other like dealers in that first class delicacy of the writer's boyhood days.

The Female Benevolent Society had its annual donation party at the Quaker Meeting House.

The military companies paraded on the 4th of July.

The proponents of the Salem Creek canal were invited to meet at the tavern of Thos. Scott in Sharptown on June 21st by Thos. Yarrow, sec'y. of the meeting held nine days previous at Michael Hackett's tavern in Salem.

The advertisements are copied from the Messenger of July 18, 1823.

SALEM CREEK CANAL.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, held at the house of Michael Hackett, on Thursday the 12th June, pursuant to notice.

Resolved, in the opinion of this meeting, that it would be advantageous to the county of Salem to complete the cutting of the Salem Creek Canal.

Resolved, that the inhabitants of the county of Salem, be invited to attend at Scott's Tavern in Sharptown, on Saturday the 21st inst. at one o'clock P. M.

Resolved, that the Secretary of this meeting sign and publish the above resolutions in the Salem Messenger.

THOS. YARROW, Secretary.

June 12th, 1823.

List of Letters Remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. J. July 1, 1823.

Thomas Andrews 4, Henry Allen, Mary Allen, Sarah Ann P. Baily, Selah Brown, William Camp, Richard Coles, Thomas Dunn, Thomas Dickenson 3, Philip Darcy, Catherine Drayton, John Dickenson, Peter Errickson, Mary Eldridge, William Furguson, Ann Gamster, Lydia Gibbs, widow, John Gamble, William Goodwin, John Groff, Clement Hall, William Holton, Margaret Husted, Henry Hudson, Elizabeth Hackett, William Jones, Jacob Johnson, Patty Kirby, Martha Kelly, Jonathan Lindsey, Thomas Lippincott, Abigail Lawrence, Robert McMullin, Francis Mills, Samuel Miller, Esq., Isaac Nicholson Patience Owner, Hannah Preston, Morris Pasly, William Padgett, Levi Peacock, Sarah Pedrick, Esther Pedrick, J. Pan-coast, Lydia Redden, Sarah Redden, Zaccheus Ray, Esq., Ziba Ray, Sarah Ann Smith, Catharine Sinnickson 3, Joshua Sims, William Shepard, Martha Steward, John Sodey 2, Philip Shiper, James Thompson, Jane M. Williams, Joel Williams.

SAMUEL SHERRON, P. M.

A two column article about the injustice of imprisonment for debt communicated by "A Philanthropist" would bring tears to ones eyes. All of our County prisons were more or less peopled by respectable persons who owed money. He estimated that these were 4,000 persons in the 500 county jails of the nation. Most pedigree hunters would have but little trouble to find they had ancestors in jail for debt as well as a king or queen for an ancestor. All that is required is time and money to locate the kind of an ancestor one may desire. The writer has been a director of one State Genealogical Society

for many years and also is a past director of another state pedigree society, but is not a professional genealogist. If one likes figures he or she should figure the possible number of ancestors in 2,000 years calculating three generations to a century. The total would exceed the number of persons now living on the earth. Every generation the number is doubled, 2-4-8-16-32-64 etc.

Communication to the Salem Messenger, Salem, New Jersey, July 9, 1823.

The late Anniversary of the Declaration of our Independence was celebrated at Woodstown by a large and very respectable company of the citizens of Salem, convened from different parts of the county. The day was ushered in by the firing of ordnance, and at 12 o'clock a procession formed under the direction of Thomas A. Maskell, Marshal of the day, moved from Fisher's Hotel to the Baptist Meeting House in the following order: 1—Marshal, 2—Musical Band, 3—Military, 4—Ordnance, 5—Bearer of the Declaration of Independence, 6—Orator, 7—Clergy, 8—Civil Officers, 9—Citizens.

Upon arriving at the door of the meeting house the Military halted and opened their ranks, through which the remainder of the procession passed into the church. The commencement of the service was announced by a discharge of Artillery and a tune by the band. After prayer by the Rev. M. Kendall, the Declaration of Independence was read by Doct. Daniel Bowen, and an oration delivered by A. Ogden Dayton, Esq., the intervals were filled by vocal and instrumental music.

At the close of the performances the procession returned to the Hotel in the same order, and a party of between fifty and sixty gentlemen set down to an elegant dinner prepared by Mr. Fisher.

Samuel L. James, Esq., was chosen President and Doct. Thomas Yarrow, vice President of the Company.

After the cloth had been removed the following toasts were drank followed by the discharge of cannon.

1—The anniversary of the American Independence—May it be celebrated as long as the earth bears a plant or the sea rolls a wave. 9 cheers.

2—The President of the United States. 9 Cheers.

3—The State of New Jersey—Tho' not a star of the first magnitude in the American Constellation of states, yet one whose brightness yields to none. 3 Cheers.

4—The Memory of Washington, Franklin, and all Other Departed Heroes of Our Revolution—The fathers of our country.

5—The Advancement of Agriculture—Let us open the bosom of our soil and receive with gladness the rich treasures which it offers to the hands of the industrious. 3 Cheers.

6—The Advocates of Genuine and Rational Liberty—To all such we offer our example for their encouragement—and our prayers for their success. 6 Cheers.

7—The South American Republics—Colonies when arrived at maturity and capable of self government "are and of right ought to be free." 9 Cheers.

8—Spain—May her struggles for freedom be as successful, as her cause is just and glorious. 6 Cheers.

9—Greece—May the valor of her ancient heroes displayed at Marathon, Platoca and Salamis be emulated by her present defenders, and the cross triumph over the crescent. 9 Cheers.

10—The Holy Alliance—A nickname for the most detestable league ever formed against free government, may the prospect of its speedy downfall cheer the hearts of the oppressed.

11—Public Instruction—The strongest security of our liberties. 3 Cheers.

12—The American People—May they be as firm in resisting domestic usurpation as foreign invasion. 3 Cheers.

13—The American Fair—The sons of our country are brave, and the daughters beautiful and virtuous. 9 Cheers.

VOLUNTEER TOASTS

By the President—The yeomanry of the county of Salem—may they prize their privileges—by the sweat of our brow we eat the bread of life. 3 Cheers.

By the Vice-President—The oration delivered this day—a full measure of happiness and prosperity to the orator. 9 Cheers.

By John Dickinson, Esq.—Success Republican Causes—a downfall to all monarchy. 3 Cheers.

By the Orator of the Day—The President and Vice-President of our company—to mention their names to the inhabitants of the county of Salem, is to proclaim their worth. 6 Cheers.

By the Marshal of the Day—Our fair countrywomen—May their characters equal those of the matrons of Rome in her purest days, and may they be enabled to fill our cottages with little boys. 3 Cheers.

The day closed without accident, in the utmost harmony, and contributed to draw tighter the bands of friendship, which shou'd connect the well disposed inhabitants of the different quarters of our county.

WARNING TO GUNNERS AND LOGGERHEADERS.

The public is hereby notified that the undersigned owners and possessors of lands in the township of Elsinborough, in the county of Salem, are desirous of retaining all the privileges of which they are by law entitled to in the enjoyment of their property, and hereby forewarn all persons from trespassing or entering on the same without leave given from the owner or possessor.

Aaron Waddington, Thomas Hancock, Thomas Goodwin, Clement Hall, Margaret M. Holme, John Stevenson, Jr., William Hall, Thomas Waddington, Andrew Thompson, Morris Hall, John Dunn, Henry Freas, Samuel Pancoast, Woodnutt Petit, David Grier, Samuel Brick, William Goodwin, John Thompson, Elkanah Powell. Elsinborough, 7-7-3t.

Thomas Walnut formerly of Philadelphia opened a hair cutting and shaving emporium in Salem. He sold scalps, wigs, and curls to suit the most fastidious.

Rowland Crispin's wife left his bed and board. She retaliated with a "hot" advertisement in reply.

A pin making machine that could make one every second was invented by a resident of Philadelphia. A grind stone was used to sharpen two at a time to a point of separation.

Elizabeth Johnson died in Pittsgrove and Herman Richer in Upper Alloways Creek township.

David Richer, son of John, married Miss Charlotte Conkling, daughter of Mrs. Rhoda Conkling, June 28, 1823.

Several distressing deaths by accidents with horses and wagons occurred at this time.

A sloop sailed from Salem to the camp meeting near the Cove in U. P. Neck.

The comparison of Salem prices with those of Philadelphia then and now are interesting. The following prices were of July 23, 1825.

	Salem	Philadelphia
Wheat, bu.	\$1.25	\$1.35 to \$1.40
Rye, bu.	.75	.65 to .67
Corn, bu.	.44	.55 to .62
Oats, bu.	.33	.38 to .40

Prices in Salem: Flour, rye, cwt. \$2.26 to \$2.75; Wheat, cwt. \$4.00 to \$4.50; Corn Meal, bu. 60c to 75c; Bran, Flax-seed, bu. 75c; Clover, bu. \$6.00; Herd bu. 5c to 50c; Timothy, bu. \$2.75 to \$3; Peas, bu. 75c; Beans, bu. 75c; Potatoes, bu. new, 50c; Cheese, 1 lb. 6c; Butter lump lb. 12c; Butter pot 10c; Lard, 9c; Pork 6c, Hams 8c, Tallow 9c, Beeswax 31c, Flax 10c, Wool, 31c to 37c, Feathers 40c, Salt, bu. 75c, Boards, 1,000 ft. Yellow pine \$14.00, Heart pine \$22.00, White, pannel \$25, White common \$12, Shingles \$18 to \$18.50, Wood Oak, cord \$3 to \$3.25, Hickory cord \$4 to \$4.50, Pine cord, \$2.50 to \$3.

The prices for this place are corrected by Messrs. Cattell, Brown and Basset. The others are copied from the Philadelphia prices, and are agreeable to the actual sa'es, (wholesale) at auction.

News of France, England, Spain and other foreign nations appeared in nearly every issue.

Michael Null's wife died August 3rd, 1823.

A communication stated that the first newspaper was printed at Venice in 1536. The first American at Boston April 24, 1704. The first in Philadelphia December 22, 1719, the first in New York, October 16, 1725.

An unusual number of rattle snakes were killed at Dividing Creek.

Aaron Craven, an appentice to James L. Camp blacksmith, ran away in Elsinboro.

Clement & Scull of Salem lauched a fine sloop from the old wharf in that town. Probably the Lydia Ann Eliza which later sailed for Charleston.

The charges for tuition, by the Salem Seminary, were advertised September 27, 1823, as follows:

SALEM SEMINARY.

The price of tuition in this Seminary in future will be as follows, for Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and Bookkeeping, three dollars, and for the various branches of Mathematics four. The small change which is now made in the former price for Spelling, Reading, and Writing, it is thought will meet the approbation of most of my patrons, and turned to the advantage of the school.

The change will take place in the quarters that commence after the first day of next month. The subscriber presents his thanks to his friends and the public for their favours received, And remains respectfully,
9 mo. 16, 1823. J. STRETCH.

Next to slavery, imprisonment for debt was the blackest mark against our forebears. Long after slavery was practically abolished, poor debtors, some of them distinguished men, languished in Salem prison the dungeon oak floor planks of which were "cut in ye olde of ye moon" three inches thick in 1739. The poor debtors had the privilege of walking in the prison bounds which comprised three acres of ground.

CREDITORS TAKE NOTICE,

That we have applied to the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Salem, for the benefit of the Insolvent laws of New Jersey, and they have appointed Friday the 7th day of November next, at 10 o'clock A. M. to hear what can be alleged for or against our liberation from confinement as insolvent debtors, Thomas Woodworth, Mark Smith, John Ware, Joseph Sharp, James Boon, Joseph Appleton, John Taylor, Levi Cornell, Henry Megar, William Fisher, Francis Thompson, Patrick Gact, Mahlon Davis, Joseph Terry, Joseph Acton.

Sept. 23, 1823.

Salem County like the other counties of the State had its scattered military organizations and also fire fighting companies. The following is an order to meet for parade duty and military exercise according to State law.

SALEM LIGHT INFANTRY & BAND!

You will meet at Head Quarters on Monday the 13th day of October next at 7 o'clock A. M. completely equipped for parade—the line of March will then be taken up for Diver's Tavern in Upper Penn's Neck.

N. B. White Pantaloons.

By order, &c

JOHN CANN, O. S.

Sept. 14, 1823.

The following advertisement of the annual meeting of the Union Fire Company of Salem was printed in the Messenger October 1, 1823.

NOTICE

A Stated meeting of the members of the Union Fire Company will be held at their room on Friday evening the 26th instant, at half past 6 o'clock. Strict attendance is requested, as the annual election of officers will then take place. By order, &c

R. P. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

Sept. 23, 1823.

A memorial from Salem County was addressed to the Legislature petitioning

for the abolishment of imprisonment for debt or that persons jailed should have an allowance for bread from the creditors in such cases.

B. Williams a Philade'phia dentist, of Vine St. above Fifth, advertised that he extracted the most difficult "stumps" with great safety and little pain. He probably meant to himself.

Thomas Powles was a house painter and glazier in Salem. John Williams was a shoemaker, Elisha Collins, a blacksmith, Aaron Davis was a tailor.

General Joseph Bloomfield former governor of New Jersey died at Burlington, N. J. He had many friends in Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester counties. He was an officer of the Revolution in Cumberland County. He gave the land for the use of the Academy School of Woodbury.

Several co'umns were devoted to a description of Perkins's new steam engine submitted to the N. J. Legislature by the Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company.

The following advertisement, of the times when school teachers had much work and little pay, reminds the compiler of Halltown and Sharptown where pupils got a better mathematical education then is now obtained in metropolitan high schools.

A TEACHER IN THE UNION SCHOOL-HOUSE WANTED.

Asa Eingle, Mathew Morrisson and William Hunt, Trustees near Woods-town.

October 29th, 1823.

In the issue of Nevember 5th, a de-claration of intention to deplete Salem County somewhat, was advertised as follows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

That application will be made to the Legislature now sitting to set off the township of Centerville in the county of Salem, and to attach the same to the county of Cumberland, beginning at the bend or corner of the county line between Salem and Cumberland, near Jacob Nieuirk's house and running the said township line north seventy degrees thirty minutes east untill it strikes the Gloucester county line.

October 29th, 1823.

John M. Taber opened a "Regular English School" for both sexes in the Salem Academy in November 1823.

Horatio Lawrence sold oysters at fifty cents a bushel in the shell or twenty-

five cents a quart, opened. He also sold strong beer by the quart or gallon at lowest prices.

Hugh L. Tyler succeeded Wm. Tyler as a tanner.

William Morris repaired watches and clocks at the new shop in Old Bridge street next door to Cattell, Brown and Bassett's store. He also sold chains, seals, keys, etc. He was from Woods-town.

The administrators of the estate of James Borden advertised a two story house and lot at public sale, in the town of Sharptown, December 3, 1823.

All persons favorable to the formation of an Agricultural Society were request-ed to meet at Michael Hackett's tavern on December 6th.

Charles Forrest did a weaving busi-ness next door to the Baptist Church. He made table linen, cassinett and west patterns.

Rachel the wife of Job Tyler Sen., died December 8th, 1823.

An act establishing a new township called Centerville was passed by the Legislature.

Samuel Humphries married Rachel Bilderbaok in Camden, Dec. 13th. They were both of Sharptown.

Job Stretch was married to Rebecca Dial, both of L. A. Creek.

John S. Wood offered the tavern oc-cupied by Isaac Sutton on the Salem-Bridgeton road, also the Stoe Creek woolen factory for rent.

William Griffith, Atty. at law, of Bur-lington, advertised he was improved in health and had recommenced his law practice.

William Boltenhouse and Richard Kirby died on the 29th and 26th of De-cember 1823, respectively.

Horatio Lawrence removed to the room and cellar under the Messenger Office.

The Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company declared a dividend at the rate of 7 per cent on its paid capital stock.

A full column letter of Thomas Jeff-erson, dated Oct. 12, 1823, to John Adams was reprinted from the Boston Patriot in the issue of January 21, 1824. The letter complained of crippled wrists and fingers which was somewhat offset by his hobby, William and Mary Col-lege. Jefferson wrote "I am incapable of receiving the slightest impression from the efforts now made to plant thorns on the pillow of age and to sow

tares between friends who have been such for near half a century." He asked Adams not to be disquieted by the wicked attempts to poison his peace.

Small pox existed in Philadelphia.

Mary Swing, wife of Dr. Charles Swing died in L. P. Neck.

Joseph Kille was the sheriff of Salem County. Morris Hancock was Clerk of the Orphans Court.

Wm. N. Jeffers was a prominent attorney at law.

Hedge Thompson, Anthony Nelson and Thomas Sinnickson were Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Alexander Campbell died in U. A. Creek in his 84th year. Keziah Conkleton died January 25, 1824.

No mail was received in Salem from Philadelphia in February because of ice obstruction in the Delaware River.

John S. Wood offered the Wind Mill property adjourning the town of Salem, for sale or rent. It had french burr stones and one pair of country stones.

The Greeks and Turks were at war. Isaac Heritage near Bethel Gloucester County died of the small pox.

Joel Fithian and Edward Smith dissolved partnership. Fithian carried on the general store business at the old stand.

Jonathan Bilderback offered for rent or sale the Red Store house and lot in Sharptown. He lived in Haines Neck.

William Pancoast and Elizabeth Wright both of Pilesgrove were married by Israel R. Clawson Esq., on January 9, 1824.

Major Almarin Brooks, a Revolutionary War soldier died at Bridgeton. He was a member of the Society of Cincinnati if the compiler's knowledge is correct.

Thomas Sinnickson, a sadler of Salem, advertised Job Waters, his runaway apprentice, who was between 19 and 20 years of age.

Stoughten and Belden offered a handsome assortment of stoves for sale.

Stephen Mulford sold shoes, made after the newest fashions, at low prices.

A wonderful steam engine, in Philadelphia, which operated without boilers was noted. It was invented by a man named Hawkins according to a quotation from the City Register of Philadelphia. He lacked funds to manufacture it.

Maybe John Keely the schemer of forty years ago had heard of Hawkins.

Perpetual motion is found in nature but not in invention as yet.

Major Howell Powell died at Allowaystown March 5, 1824.

The advertisements of the Salem Free School and the Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company were in the March 3 number of the Messenger.

SALEM FREE SCHOOL

Will be opened on Second day, the 29th inst., (March) under the care of the subscriber, in which children of both sexes, will be carefully instructed in the most useful branches of an English Education.

For further information, application may be made to Jesse Bond, or to

SAMUEL S. GRISCOM.

SALEM STEAM-MILL AND BANKING CO., FEBRUARY 20, 17824

Notice is hereby given, that sealed proposals will be received by either of the subscribers until the 5th day of March next for the erection of a Mill House in the town of Salem, agreeable to the plan to be seen at the Banking House of the Company.

W. N. Jeffers, Samuel Clement, Joseph Kille, Committee.

Henry Fries, Jr., and Benjamin Ray of Thompsons Bridge (Allowaystown) advertised a 14 year old Dutch boy for sale. He was a good kitchen servant. This smacks of slavery but they probably meant his remaining services while a bound boy.

The Union Fire Company held its annual meeting on March 17, 1824.

At an annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Township of Salem, held at the Court House in said town on the 9th day of March 1824, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

James Wainwright, Moderator.

Samuel Sherron, Town Clerk.

Thomas W. Cattell, Assessor.

James Sherron, Maskell Mulford, Benjamin Riley, Commissioners of Appeal.

Joseph Kille, John G. Mason, Chosen Freeholders.

Henry Dennis, Edward Smith, Surveyors of Highway.

James Logue, Thomas W. Cattell, Overseers of Poor.

Adam H. Sickler, Isaac Z. Coffee, Overseers of Roads.

Dr. Hedge Thompson, Judge of Election.

Thomas Sharp, Joseph Kille, Wm. G. Beesley, Gideon Scull, James Newell, Township Committee.

Wm. Swing, Wm. Hancock, Constables.

Dr. Thomas Rowan, Pound Keeper.

Salem had fine business prospects according to a news item of March 24, 1824, reading as follows:

"The building of the Mill-house, for the Steam-mill in this town, is contracted for, to be completed in September next, and we understand it is intended to have the mill in operation as soon as practicable. When this, and the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, which is to enter the Delaware opposite this place, are completed, it is calculated by some of our calculating ones, that property in this town will immediately rise fifty per cent.—An interesting description of the canal project, will be found in another part of this paper."

Joshua Sims and Mark Riley formed a co-partnership. They sold stoves and did blacksmithing.

William G. Beesley conducted a Fancy and Windsor chair business, at Philadelphia prices. He also sold varnish, paint, turpentine, etc., according to his advertisement of March 24, 1824.

The compiler while detained in Hancock's Bridge the day of the last outing of the South Jersey Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, in May of this year, attended a vendue and bought three of Beesley's Windsor chairs for \$2.50 each. They had "arrow backs" and a copious covering of a rich yellow paint. He was surprised to see Beesley's advertisement in the Salem Messenger. Beesley chairs should now bring higher prices in Salem where he did business over a century ago.

One of the three chairs was stenciled on the bottom otherwise we could not have known of the rare discovery.

FANCY & WINDSOR CHAIRS

The Subscriber informs his friends and the public that he has on hand a good assortment of Fancy and Windsor chairs of the latest fashions which he will sell at the Philadelphia prices—Also, Copal Varnish, Japan Drying, Paint Oil, Spirits of Turpentine and paints of various colours prepared for immediate use.

WILLIAM G. BEESLEY.

March 21st, 1824.

Robert Sinnickson did a coopering business, principally in cedar and oak,

on the corner opposite the bank, his new stand.

Elisha Collins sold patent ploughs. Joseph Owen advertised March 17, 1824, that he would spend a small portion of his time in Salem, at the shop of David E. Williams, nearly opposite the bank, at the plough making business. His plows were of his own manufacture and tradition says they were at the finest quality. He lived near or at Mickleton.

Samuel Nelson had a large woolen factory in Pittsgrove, with equipment which he offered for sale.

The opinion of Chief Justice John Marshall in the Gibbon-Ogden case occupied several columns of the front pages of the Messenger from March 10 to April 14. This concerned the steam navigation rights between New York and Elizabethtown, N. J., which the New York legislature had bestowed upon Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton.

Dr. William Hunt died in Woodstown in his 64th year, March 31, 1824.

Joseph Cook, of near Pole Tavern, was shot by a man while sitting in his home. He died probably as a result of his wounds some time later.

The Salem Light Infantry and Band were ordered to parade on April 19th in blue pantaloons. The Salem Horse Guards and the Artillery Company were ordered out for military exercise on the same day. Also the Elsinboro Company of Militia.

The steam boat stage left Sherron's Hotel every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Craven's Ferry at 1:30 P. M. where steam boats for Philadelphia stopped. The return trips during the season left Philadelphia on the same days of the week.

The New Jersey Queen's College Literature Lottery advertised \$58,800.00 in prizes with 19600 tickets of which 12341 were blanks. The capital prize was \$10,000.00.

Blackwood & Moore, carriage makers and wheelwrights, used the shop lately occupied by Sherron & Blackwood in New Street first building from corner of Old Bridge Street.

John Tuft and Co. of Quinton's Bridge dissolved partnership.

William J. Shinn and Morris Hall Jr., succeeded to the business formerly conducted by the former.

Samuel Edwards advertised wool carding and spinning, at Woodstown Mill, in the May 12, 1824 issue.

The sons of Benedict Arnold were mentioned as the recipients of pensions from the British Government.

Michael Null did wool carding at the Sharptown mill.

Bacon Ware sold watches and clocks and repaired them in Salem.

H. Lawrence and John Sheed commenced the house painting business in Salem, nearly opposite the Friends' Meeting House, adjoining the chair manufacturer of Wm. G. Beesley.

Before the days of Fire Companies it was the custom to keep fire buckets in the different churches and public buildings. The following advertisement in the May 12th issue asking for public assistance is of considerable interest.

"At a meeting of the contributors to the fund to be applied to the preservation of the Town of Salem from fire, held at the Court House on Seventh day the 8th inst., pursuant to notice, to adopt measures relative to the appropriations of said fund: Hedge Thompson, Esq., was chosen Chairman and Edward Smith appointed Secretary.

The Chairman having stated the object of the meeting the following resolutions were offered and adopted, viz:

RESOLVED, that a committee of four persons be appointed to obtain further subscription to said fund and that Gideon Scull, Jun., Clement Acton, Isaac Z. Coffee and Henry Dennis, constitute said committee.

RESOLVED, that the aid of the board of Chosen Freeholders and of the different religious societies of this town be solicited and that the following persons be appointed to meet on them respectively for the purpose viz:

John Thompson and John G. Mason, for the Board of Freeholders and the society of Friends; David E. Williams for the Methodist society; Joel Fithian for the Presbyterian society, Thomas Sinnickson, Esq., for St. John's church, and James Johnson for the Baptist society.

RESOLVED, that an adjourned meeting of the contributors be held at this place on Seventh day next, the 16th inst., at three o'clock P. M. and that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Salem Messenger.

HEDGE THOMPSON, Chair'n.
Edward Smith, Sec'y.
Salem, May 8, 1824.

The steam mill and bank in the May 26 number gave notice as follows:
Salem Banking Company, May 24, 1824.

Notice is hereby given, that the Stockholders of the Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company are required to pay at the Banking house of the said Company, on or before the 25th day of June next, five dollars on each share of the capital stock of said Company.

By order of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM MULFORD, Cash'r.

Sharptown, the only hamlet on the King's Highway between Swedesboro and Sa'em, formerly called Blessington, had a flour and grist mill on Fenwick river or Salem Creek. The proprietor also carded wool.

WOOL CARDING

The subscriber informs his friends and the public in general, that he has now in operation at the Sharptown Mill, a pair of machines for carding wool into rolls.

The machines have undergone a thorough repair, and the carder is an experienced workman, and we doubt not but we shall be able to give complete satisfaction.

Wool for carding may be left at the store of Joel Fithian, where it will be called for and returned on Saturday of every week.

MICHAEL NULL.

May 17, 1824.

If any reader has muster rolls, of the Militia organizations of Salem County, it would be a good plan to send them to the Sunbeam for incorporation with these articles which it is now making available to the present generation. If there is any military equipment extant it should be placed with the Salem County Historical Society.

REGIMENT ORDERS.

The Second Regiment of the Salem Brigade of Militia is commanded to meet at the Court House in Salem on Tuesday the 8th day of June inst. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, with their arms and equipments to perform military duty as the law directs. By order of the Colonel.

JOHN M. SAILOR, Adj't.
June 2, 1824.

The gentlemen composing the Salem and Elsinborough Rifle Company will please to attend at the house of James Sherron's, in Salem, in uniform, on Saturday the 5th June inst. to perform mil-

itary duty, and to choose officers for said company.

By order of the Captain.

CHARLES JOHNSON, Clk.
June 2, 1824.

The Messenger was a Jacksonian newspaper at this time.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Citizens of the County of Salem, without distinction of party, who are friendly to the election of Gen. Andrew Jackson, "the man of the People," the revolutionary patriot, and our country's heroic defender, to the Chief Magistracy of the Union, are earnestly requested to attend a general meeting to be held at the house of James Sherron in Salem, on Wednesday the 9th day of June inst. at one o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of devising and adopting such measures as may be best calculated to secure the success of their favorite candidate.

Merriman Smith, Josiah Shull, David Hurley, J. S. Richman, M. Richman, Jr., Charles Elwell, Moses Burt, Jos. C. Nelson, David Sithens, Wm. Cook, Isaac Cox, Wm. Loper, Isaac Johnson, George Benson, John Loper, Sam'l. Hughes, Isaac Wilson, John Itchner, Samuel Brick, Samuel Denn, Jeremiah Stull, Henry Freas, Jr., Jacob Fox, U. C., John Sparks, Jr., David Carle, Dar. Nicholson, A. Ogden Dayton, John Collins, Alpho. L. Eakin, Rich. G. Kendall, Samuel Lynch, Jr., David Hillman, Furman Fenton, J. McCallister, Samuel Sherron, Joseph Kille, Elisha Collins, J. H. Nickolson, Calvin Belden, James Butcher, Palsear Smith, Samuel Finlay, Wm. Robinson, Henry Freas, Asher Baily, James Logue, Samuel Miller, Abra'm Stull, Wm. Swing, Zacheus Ray, John Sparks, Sen., Joshua Smith, T. Sinnickson, Jr.

In the following advertisement we learn that William G. Beesley, the chair maker had competition. The bull rushes of Salem County make excellent chair bottoms.

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTING, GLAZING, GILDING AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTING

The subscribers inform their friends and the public in general, that they have removed their shop opposite the Bank, in Salem, where they continue the above business in all its branches, and where they manufacture and keep for sale, Fancy Rush-bottom, fancy Windsor and common Windsor chairs, of the newest fashions, which they will warrant.

Old chairs painted and repaired—also tables &c, at the most reasonable prices.

Paper hanging done in the neatest and most fashionable style.

They feel conscious that their industry will meet with encouragement, being determined, from their attention to the wishes of their employers, and the reasonable prices for their work to give general satisfaction.

LAWRENCE & SHEED.

They also have on hand, and keep for sale, oils, paints for hearths, Japan drying, copal varnish &c.

Salem, June 9, 1824.

Capt. Jacob Fox's company of Allowaystown Infantry are ordered to meet on Saturday the 3d day of July next, at the hotel of Mathew Knisell, in Sharptown in complete uniform, precisely at the hour of half past nine o'clock.

By order of the Captain.

W.M. M. DUNHAM, O. S.
June 23, 1824.

The Fourth of July was duly celebrated at Sharptown the boyhood home of the compiler, according to the Messenger of July 7, 1824.

"The 48th Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated by the citizens of this place on Monday last, in festive parties, and various other amusements.

A few gentlemen of this town and of other parts of the county, with several strangers met with the citizens of Pilesgrove, at Sharptown, where prayers were offered by the Rev. Gardner Kendall, Hymns sung, the Declaration of Independence read, by Alphonso L. Eakin, Esq. and a very eloquent Oration delivered by Francis L. Macculloch, Esq. after which the company sat down to an excellent dinner, and other refreshments, prepared by Christop. Knisell. After dinner, and the removal of the cloth, a number Toasts were given, accompanied in the usual way with guns and cheerings, and songs. The day passed and closed in a very cheerful and peaceable manner, and no accident occurred to mar the festivities of the scene. An official account of the proceedings, and the toasts are expected for our next."

If anything further appeared the compiler failed to notice it.

Wm. Jones, Washington Labby and Abraham Buys were arrested near Swedesboro on suspicion of the murder of one Bonsall.

Smith & Fithian dissolved partnership. Their business of dry goods, groceries and Hardware was continued by Joel Fithian.

George Remster and John Sheets did wool carding at their mill near Thompson's Bridge (Allowaystown).

Samuel Lumas was a harness maker in the place formerly occupied by Stephen Mulford, opposite the printing office in Salem.

The New Jersey Society of the Cincinnati had only 21 members of its original membership of 101 Revolutionary officers still living at the time of its annual meeting.

A camp meeting was held on the ground belonging to Chas. Bennett in Centerville.

The following taken from a distant newspaper was copied in the July 28, 1824 number of the *Messenger*.

From the Hampshire Gazette,
New Jersey Pines.

"In the southern part of New Jersey, there is a level, Barren tract of country, about seventy miles long, forty miles wide, called the Pines. It produces little else but scrub oaks and yellow pines. A Mr. Talbot, who recently made a tour through that part of the state, found the people in the most degraded and wretched situation. Some families are so poor that they have neither chair nor bed, and some of their cabins are nothing but sticks of wood, placed on one end, and leaning against each other at the top. Their ignorance is most deplorable. 'Many,' says Mr. T. 'do not know the name of the town or place in which they live. There are whole neighborhoods, which have no preaching, no schools, no sabbaths, no Bibles—many precious immortals who never saw a Bible nor heard of God or Jesus Christ,' Indian Town the place where the pious John Brainard, brother of David, preached to the Indians, is a moral desolation. Most of the Indians have removed; and the whites who have taken their places, appear to know less of religion than the Indians did. The family now residing on the very farm on which Brainard lived, had no Bible. In another place, Mr. T. was called to attend the funeral of a child. It was with great difficulty that he could get the mourners to sit together, and one of the sisters of the deceased, aged 13 years, ran off and hid till the funeral was over. There was no Bible in the house, and Mr. T. sent to two of the neighbors, but could not get one. It is astonishing that so much ignorance and wretchedness should exist in a state abounding in men of

talents and piety in sight of a Theological Seminary, containing more than 100 students, and very near the enlightened city of Philadelphia."

Some of the "Pineys" are considered an odd lot of human beings at the present time.

Peter Bilderback was married to Charlotte Mulford July 21, 1824.

Flinn & Wood opened a tailoring shop next door to Denn's store.

On August 14th the editor called attention to the new style of type he had adopted for the "Messenger."

Wm. T. Reeves married Elizabeth Simpkins, August 22.

A liberal account of the landing of General Lafayette in New York after a passage of 31 days from Havre, was given. He was accompanied by his son George Washington Lafayette.

T. W. Dyott, the greatest advertiser of the times, paid for a whole column list of his medicines. Dyott's store was at Second and Race Sts., Philadelphia.

Clement Padgett, aged seventy years, a revolutionary patriot, died in L. A. Creek.

Generals LaFayette and Sumter of South Carolina were the only surviving Continental line generals of the revolution.

An itemized list of the expenses of the Salem County poor house for the fiscal year was printed in the issue of September 15, 1824.

LaFayette passed through New Jersey and at Trenton was met by a choir of 21 ladies. The triumphal arch under which Washington rode at Trenton in 1789 was in position. (See N. J. Society of Pennsylvania 1930 year book for contemporary description of the arch.) LaFayette reached Philadelphia on Monday, September 27.

An ode was written for the occasion by J. N. Barker, Esq., who was a soldier, statesman and historian.

The editor in the issue of September 29 wrote this about LaFayette the "Nation's Guest."

"Never before have we seen the town of Salem so deserted as it has been this week. Nearly all that could leave home, in town and country, have gone to Philadelphia to witness the Entry of the "Nation's Guest." We had intended ourselves the gratification, but unluckily on Sunday, that unwelcome visitor the ague and fever paid its addresses to us, and notwithstanding frequent hints, kept

us from our intended visit, and together with one of the hands in the office, from business, on Monday, and partially on Tuesday; which accounts for the late appearance of the paper. A few doses of Marshall's Powders have warned the old fellow off, after one long interview." These powders were advertised in the Messenger.

TO BE LET,
That large and commodious
TAVERN & FERRY,

With the PLANTATION adjoining in Lower Penn's Neck, Salem county, now in the occupation of Richard Craven, Esq. and nearly opposite New Castle on the Delaware. The Plantation has about 60 acres of plough land and 16 acres of Meadow of good quality. Possession may be had on the 25th of March next. Also to be let near said ferry.

THE NEW BRICK STORE
which being situated in a fertile and populous country, has proved an excellent stand for business. The upper story is a repository for grain, &c. Possession may be had in a fortnight after application—And a Dwelling house with the store may be had in the Spring to accommodate a family.
For terms inquire of J. KINSEY.
Salem, Sept. 20, 1824.

A mermaid fooled around a ship for six hours according to its log book. Above the arms it was a human form and below that of a fish. Rum was much cheaper in those days and a man could see more for his money.

A great part of the Messenger was used for current local and National political affairs and the tour of LaFayette at this time (October and November)

Josiah Hall, Jr., commenced a wheelwrighting and carriage business in Salem November 8th, and his advertisement requested that the Editors of the Saturday Evening Post publish his advertisement.

The following account of a fire in Salem was published October 13, 1824.

"Fire—Our inhabitants were very much alarmed on Friday evening last, by the raging of this element. But for the stillness of the air the whole of the central part of the town would have been destroyed. Several barns, filled with grain and hay, one belonging to Thomas Thompson, one to John Smith, and one to Joel Fithian, with sheds and small buildings were destroyed. By the exertions of the citizens in tearing away small buildings and fences, and throw-

ing water, the fire was kept from the range of houses on the streets; but such was the alarm of the inhabitants that a number of them removed a part of their goods. Had the wind blown fresh from almost any quarter, a large number of buildings including one or both of the tavern houses, the court house and jail would have been destroyed. Still as it was, the burning cinders were carried to the distance of a quarter of a mile, and in several places setting fire to the roofs of other buildings.

This fire has had the effect of awakening some of the citizens to the necessity of being better prepared for stopping the flames in such cases, as will be seen by a notice for a meeting in another part of the paper."

The notice was as follows:

The inhabitants of the Town of Salem are requested to meet at the Court House on Saturday next, the 16th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M. to adopt measures for obtaining another Fire Engine. The principal part of the money being already subscribed, it is expected there will be no difficulty in raising sufficient funds to complete the object. October 12.

Rev. Richard Sneath, a methodist circuit rider, died near Blackwoodtown, aged 74. Mr. John W. Sparks has his journal covering his religious activities for several years around the year 1800. He rode the Gloucester and Burlington County circuits.

Benjamin Abbott and Anthony Atwood were two most noted Methodists well known in Salem County a century ago.

Josiah Hall Jr., married Rachel Johnson, November 17, 1824.

A cabbage was raised in the garden of Eayse Moore, of Pittsgrove, that weighed thirty-two pounds.

The trial of one Austin for shooting Joseph Cook was scheduled.

Sarah, wife of John Sparks died at Allowaystown in her 55th year. She may have been the wife of Captain John Sparks of the New Jersey Continental Line.

Jonathon Belton returned to Allowaytown and opened a harness shop.

Bailey's improved fans for cleaning grain were advertised by Cattell, Brown & Bassett.

T. W. Dyott of the Philadelphia and Kensington glass factories advertised glass ware including Washington, LaFayette, Franklin, Ship Franklin, Agricultural, Masonic, Cornucopia, Amer-

ican Eagle and common ribbed pocket flasks. This item should be of interest to collectors of ancient glassware.

Dr. J. Hunt offered his professional services to the people of Woodstown and vicinity.

Pirates infested the high seas.

Dr. Daniel Bowen, son of Smith Bowen of Bridgeton, died in Woodstown.

The first stated meeting of the Reliance Fire Company was held at the house of Ward Wilson, February 11, 1825.

In a tax assessment of the State under the act of 1825, of \$20,000, Salem County was rated to pay \$1078.31, Cumberland \$793.10, Gloucester \$1,689.61, Cape May \$323.01.

William Wood, jailer of Salem, died.

The Female Benevolent Society appealed for contributions of flax or tow and other commodities for the aid of the poor.

Samuel Rose of Alloways Creek was married to Prudence Mulford of Salem by Zacheus Ray, Esq. The editor gave them a piece of poetry befitting the occasion.

Edward Smith, Joel Fithian and Thos. A. Maskell formed a copartnership and used the store occupied by Smith and Fithian.

Blackwood & Moore removed to the shop lately occupied by Horatio Lawrence, who sold his business to Robert Guestner.

The Salem Steam mill was built of stone three stories high, exclusive of the basement. It had five floors which made it equal to a five-story building. Its equipment was four pair of first quality French Burrs. The grain was raised by a steam engine to the third floor, where it was weighed. It was then sprouted by gravity to the second floor, from there it was conveyed by a screw elevator to the upper floor, where it was screened, thence to the next lower floor where it was fanned and then to a garner on the third story, over the stones, thence to the hoppers.

The flour went through several processes and conveyances all operated by the steam engine. It was estimated to have a capacity of between 150 and 200 bbls. each twenty four hours. It could

grind between 400 and 500 bushels of grain every 24 hours.

The engine house which adjoined the mill was 30x35 feet. The boilers were in this building with the engine. The contractors were Streppel and Maynard of Baltimore. The Messenger complimented everybody and everything connected with the mill.

Richard Stockton Field opened a law office in Salem.

Horatio Lawrence, who sold his chair-making and painting business to Robert Guenster, removed to Penn's Neck Ferry, formerly occupied by Richard Craven, Esq.

John Collins removed to the Green Tree Tavern, known as the Batten House in Swedesborough.

The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal was nearing completion.

Josiah B. Wood, teacher in the Franklin Seminary of Pittsgrove, was married to Hannah M. Richman, by Rev. G. W. Janvier, April 16, 1825.

Robert Johnson made a five column address about the new Agricultural Society. Lewis Green of Upper Penn's Neck had introduced the castor oil bean into his fields. Others followed and he erected an oil press and in two years manufactured 200 barrels of bean oil. Col. Johnson recommended fences of Virginia thorn quicks and native cockspur thorn. The compiler remembers these great thorn fences fifteen or more feet high as rabbit hunting grounds of his boyhood. There was two thousand feet or so long on Michael Garvey's farm on the Kings Highway from the present Richman's Creamery, northward. It may have been an Osage Orange hedge as the writer has some recollection of some such kind of fruit.

The proceedings of the Society were set forth as follows in the issue of April 27, 1825:

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

At a stated meeting of the Salem County Agricultural Society, held at the Court House in Salem, on Tuesday the 19th of April 1825, Robert G. Johnson, Esq., was called to the chair and Francis L. McCullough, appointed Secretary pro. tem. The proceedings of the pre-

vious meeting were read; also the Constitution was read and adopted—after which the following persons were chosen as officers for the ensuing year, viz. President, Robert G. Johnson, Esq.; Vice Presidents, Hedge Thompson, Esq., Morris Hall, Esq., Paul Scull; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Thomas Yarrow; Recording Secretary, Joel Fithian, and Treasurer, Samuel Clement.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES

Salem: Thomas Sinnickson, Esq., Chairman, Dr. Benjamin Archer, Joseph Kille, John Sinnickson, Daniel Garrison, Esq., Dr. Thomas Rowan.

Elsinborough: John Thompson, William Hall, Job Tyler, Jr., Clement Hall, Morris Hall, Esq., and Woodnut Pettit, Chairman.

Mannington: Joseph Hancock, Chairman, John Denn, Elisha Bassett, Josiah Miller, Joseph Bassett, Jr., George Hall.

Pilesgrove: Josiah Shull, Esq., Chairman, Paul Scull, Jonathan Smith, Samuel Edwards, Samuel Summers, Jonathan Cawley.

Upper Penn's Neck: Richard Summers, Chairman, Jacob Goodwin, David Scull, Joseph Black, Samuel Holmes, Lewis Green.

Lower Penn's Neck: Samuel L. James, Esq., Chairman, James Johnson, Samuel Gilmore, Esq., John M. Sinnickson, Thomas L. Lambson, William Johnson.

JOEL FITHIAN, Rec'd Secretary.

John P. Cooper took over the porter, ale and cider bottling business, etc., of Mrs. Mary D. Mason.

Samuel Cawley died April 24, in his 36th year, also Samuel Edwards, both of Woodstown.

Noah Humphries opened a new store in Sharptown in the place lately occupied by Peter Bilderback. He sold dry goods, groceries, ironmongery, glass, queensware and earthenware.

Cattell & Bassett succeeded Cattell Brown & Bassett.

Samuel Reed, tailor of Salem, admitted William Wray of Philadelphia into partnership.

The issue of May 11th contained a three column account of the Battle of Brandywine by the author of the Battle of Trenton. It gave a thrilling account of Pulaski, Maxwell, Green, Sullivan and Knyphausen.

Reed & Wray made cloth coats \$3 to \$5; cotton \$2 to \$3; cloth pantaloons \$1 to \$1.25; cotton pantaloons 75c to \$1;

vests 75c to \$1, and took country produce in payment.

A three column biography of General Joseph Warren was printed in the issue of May 18th.

Alphonso L. Eakin opened a law office in Salem.

Rachel Edwards did wool carding at the Woodstown mill.

R and J. E. Shappard commenced business in the new brick store formerly occupied by Shinn & Hall.

Samuel Gummere, Quaker minister, died at Burlington in his 76th year.

Shinn & Hall advertised mackerel, grindstones and cider; the first were from Boston and the second from Nova Scotia in the sloop Johnson from the first named place.

Horatio Lawrence of the Lower Penns Neck Upper Ferry and hotel Sign of Lafayette which Richard Craven formerly kept also added two large rooms 30x17 ft. to his hotel. He put a number of puns in his advertisement, of a witty character.

Thomas Andrews opened the Sportsman's Hotel and Steam Mill Hall. Trout, rock, perch, woodcock, English snipe, partridge and rail were near his place, where a delightful view of the Bay and Fort Delaware could be enjoyed.

A law suit, Edward D. Corfield vs. Daniel Corroll, over the oyster rights in Maurice river cove, was in the U. S. District Court of Penna. This three column article taken from the National Gazette shows a favorable verdict for the defendant, a Jerseyman. The plaintiff of Pennsylvania, was caught dredging oysters contrary to laws of New Jersey. The case is somewhat, from a historical standpoint, like the lawsuit between New Jersey and Delaware. It quotes the ancient deeds back to 1663.

William Sherron recommenced carriage making at his old stand in New street.

John Mulford married Miss Prudence Murphy, June 27, 1825.

Mrs. Jane Johnson died in Pittsgrove, aged 92' year 8 months.

Doctor Morrison commenced the practice of medicine and surgery in Pittsgrove.

A correspondent complained about jurymen receiving only twenty-five cents. He mentioned several cases where poor men had walked ten to seventeen miles to serve as jurymen for a whole week and because they got in debt as a result

lost their property such as a cow and a house. He felt a juryman should receive at least one dollar a day.

The African Methodist Society held a Camp Meeting under the direction of Bishop Allen on the ground of Samuel Mall in L. A. Creek.

Thomas Sinnickson Jr., and Edward Stretch formed a co-partnership in the Saddlery and Harness business.

The 4th of July oration by Isaac W. Crane, Esq., was printed in full in the issue of August 10, 1825. It contained nothing of outstanding interest to the people of today. The compiler overlooked the place of delivery.

Daniel Elmer succeeded General Jas. Giles, a hero of the Revolution, some of whose letters are in possession of the New York Free Library, as president of a Bridgeton bank. Giles was a Captain of artillery under Lafayette who gave him a sword. He was a member of the New Jersey Society of Cincinnati. The sword is in our State Historical Society at Newark, N. J.

Reuben Dare's apprentice boy Elisha Simpkins, aged about 17, ran away and Reuben offered the usual six cents reward for his return.

Captain Joseph Peck formerly of Roadstown, died in Allowaystown in his 32nd year.

E. B. Gardette of Philadelphia stopped at Sherron's Hotel in Salem a short time and offered his dental services to patrons.

The New Jersey Baptist Association met at New Mills, Burlington County, September 7, 1825.

Elizabeth Driver, widow of John, born 1733, died at the age of 92 years and two months.

Maskell Ewing, Esq., died while on a visit to his relative Enos at Greenwich, Cumberland County, in his 67th year. He lived in Delaware County, Pa.

The real estate of Jacob Ridgway Sr. deceased, of U. P. Neck, including a fishery, was offered for sale. Jacob Jr., Eli and Aaron Ridgway were all deceased.

The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia held its second annual exhibition in the Masonic Hall on Chestnut street above Seventh. This venerable institution is now a tenant of the Old Mint Building 37 and 39 N. Seventh street and 631 Filbert street, Philadelphia. This is a new modern six-story building despite its name bestowed on it by the compiler.

Reed & Wray dissolved partnership. The business was continued by William Wray.

The September 14th number commenced the seventh year of the publication of the Messenger. What reader knows of the location of its first files or of any other old newspapers?

The Salem Banking Company called for a ten dollar payment or installment on its capital stock. W. Mulford was cashier. Its bank notes were accepted at par in Philadelphia.

In the Messenger dated September 14, 1825 five military advertisements appeared commanding the different organizations to meet at Sharptown.

Attention—The Pedrick-Town Jackson Blues, commanded by Captain Lewis Green, will meet at the Inn of Malachi Knisel in Sharptown, on Saturday the 17th of September inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. completely equipped for military duty.

By order of said Captain.
Sept. 7th, 1825.

Richard P. Thompson, Atty at Law, and Solicitor in Chancery, opened a law office in Salem a few doors above the printing office.

Commodity prices were: Flour \$5 a bbl. Wheat .90-.95 bu.; Rye .55-.57 bu.; Oats .30-.37 bu.; Corn .58-.66 bu.; Hams .09-11 lb.; Lard .10-.11 lb.; Molasses, N. O. gal. .25-.27; Rum .80-.89; Whiskey 24½; Apple .32-.34.

William N. Jeffers had a number of building lots, in Salem, for sale.

Clement & Scull dissolved partnership. Samuel Clement continued the business.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Salem, Oct. 1, 1825.

Ellis Ayres, Samuel Ayres, Nathan Armstrong, Isaac Armstrong, David Adams, Jonathon Agry, Esq., Amelia Butler 2, John Boqua, Lidia Briggs, Jacob Bishop, Joseph Brick, William Conor, John P. Cooper, William Cain, Joseph Durell, George Dunn, Elijah Dunn, Jeremiah Dickinson, Elijah Davis, Thomas Elwell, Mary Efft, Mary E. English, Samuel Erwin, Naomi Erwin 2, Gordon A. Harvey 2, Mary Hankins, Samuel Hilliad, Elizabeth Hackett, Thos. Hardikin, Paul K. Hubbbs, David Elwell 2, Joseph Hancock, Ann Hopkins, Robert Huston, Margaret Husted, Hannah Haas, Elizabeth Hall 2, William Hall 2, Clement Hall, Josiah Hall, jun., Charles B. Jordon, Mrs. Ann Johnson, Ebenezer Janes, Daniel Ireland, Felix Lloyd, L. Mayhew, Joshua Mickle, Jacob Mc-

H. Leibbrand, Francis Mills, Eleazer, Williams, Mary Matson, Margaret Mulford, J. H. Nicholson, Elizabeth H. Nicholson, Rebecca Nicholson, Isaac Nicholson 2, John Palmer, George Peterson, Jesse Richards 2, Zacheus Ray, Esq., Mark Riley, Martha Ridgway, Israel S. Reed, Sarah Steelman, Henry Snitcher, S. Bacon Sheppard, Smith Sheets, Esther Snode, David A. Thompson, Sarah Tuft, Ann Tuft, Job Tyler, jun., Clarissa Vanneman, Rev. Thomas Ware, Daniel Woodruff, Robert Wildes, Sarah Williams.

SAMUEL SHERRON, P. M.

The following account of the post offices of Salem County appeared in the issue of October 26, 1825.

New Mail Route—We have long been under the impression that the inhabitants of several of the small towns and populous neighborhoods of this county were justly entitled to the benefits of a mail and post-offices; but rather doubting the effect that any remarks of ours might have in producing such an arrangement, we have forborne mentioning it. Having, however, heard respectable gentlemen from each of the places mentioned below, express a desire for such an arrangement, we now venture in this way to make their desires known to the proper authorities. The population of this county is about 16,000, with only five post-offices; two of which, Woodstown and Sharptown, are within two and a half miles of each other. The places where post offices are most wanted are Allowaystown and Pedricksburg, both considerable towns, the former containing about fifty houses, is six miles from any post office, and the other seven. The other places where offices are wanted are, Pittstown, Centerville, Dare's or Foster's Store, Sculltown, Helm's Cove and Craven's or Lawrence's ferry. The distance in a circuit round to all is about seventy miles. The country in the neighborhood of each of the places mentioned is populous, and the distance of one from the other or from any other post office is from five to six miles, except Pittstown and Dare's and Foster's stores, which are about three miles distant, but on the route of the others. During the last session but one of Congress, the member of that body from this district being impressed with the utility of such an arrangement, recommended it in the house of representatives, on which a bill was passed, but there being no one in Senate part-

icularly acquainted with the destitution of mails in this densely inhabited county, to urge it forward, it was rejected by that body.

Ruth Redstrake and William Johnson ex'rs of John Redstrake, offered a tract of land for sale.

William Johnson of L. P. Neck claimed the exclusive rights to sell Beach's patent improved self-sharpening plough in Gloucester, Salem Cumberland and Cape May Counties.

The Washington Canal and Delaware Lottery Tickets were sold by editor Elijah Brooks. There were 15870 prizes aggregating \$171,360 and 26,970 blanks. The capital prize was \$15,000. Whole tickets cost \$5 each. The semi-annual meeting of the District Medical Society of Salem County was held at the tavern of Ward Wilson, October 31, 1825.

Zacheus Ray was elected to Council. Samuel Humphreys, Israel R. Clawson and Robert G. Johnson, Assemblmen and Edward Smith, Sheriff of Salem County.

The fishery and farm of Nicholas Phillpot in L. P. Neck was offered at public sale by Job Linlay, executor.

A memorial was presented to the Legislature asking for two different charters for the business of the Salem Steam Mill and Banking Company, Inc. Banking and Milling did not seem to blend together very well.

Woodnut Pettit was administrator of the estate of Gilbert Gaskill, deceased.

General Andrew Jackson resigned from the U. S. Senate to run for the Presidency.

John Adams of Stoe Creek, near Canton, evidently a Quaker, sold on Fifth day, November 24th, 1825, his stock and farming implements.

Joshua G. Somers opened a cabinet making business in all its branches at Allowaystown.

A pigeon shooting match was held at Thomas Andrews' hotel in Salem.

The school house and lot, nearly new, the property of Joseph Stretch, deceased, was offered at Public Sale, November 11, 1825 by John G. Mason, administrator. The lot was on the main street leading from the jail to the old wharf. It was 25 feet in front, fifteen rods deep and fifty feet wide in the rear.

Noah Humphries of Sharptown was married to Mildred Code of Gloucester.

The grist mill called the brick mill was mentioned.

Adam Urban taught instrumental music and German at Charles Costill's in Woodstown.

The wheelwright shop lately occupied by Thomas Hammitt in Woodstown was for rent by J. L. Risley.

Jacob W. Mulford opened a clock and watch making business in Salem.

Horatio Lawrence, innkeeper in L. P. Neck, represented on one side a good likeness of General LaFayette, on the other side was the coat of Arms of New Jersey. It was a fine sign.

A bill to incorporate the Reliance Fire Company of Salem was passed by the Legislature, also one for the Salem Steam Mill and Mfg. Co., also the Alloways town Mfg. Co. and the Union Fire Co. of Salem.

Nathaniel Robins married Mrs. Hannah Allen, both of Pilesgrove.

Mrs. Lydia Sweeten died near Swedesboro, aged 101 years. She was buried in Eglinton Cemetery.

A wild boar hunt was scheduled to take place on Friday, January 13, 1826, near Woods mills. Another wild hog was taken on the 3rd of the month.

Ann Smith, widow of Hill Smith, died in Mannington in her 76th year on the 21st of 12th month previous.

The election of the Salem Banking Co. was held on February 2, 1826. It declared dividend of three per cent on January 3.

George Hitchener's tavern house was advertised for sale.

The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal was under construction.

The Baptist Society of Salem offered building lots for sale 40 or 50 feet front by 165 feet deep.

Clement Acton wanted to buy 20,000 muskrat skins, also otter, mink and rabbit hides. He seems to have been the "Muskrat King."

Joseph V. and John V. Clark offered the sloop Dolphin for sale at Paulsboro. She carried 25 cords of wood.

Influenza was prevalent in Salem and Philadelphia.

E. B. Reed wanted to buy muskrat, rabbit and otter furs and to sell his hats. He was a hat manufacturer like Clement Acton.

James L. Camp operated an oyster cellar, where he sold beer.

Swaims Panacea was advertised in the Messenger.

The Salem Steam Mill and Mfg. Co. organized Saturday, February 18, 1826. Its commissioners were Samuel Clement,

John Tuft, Morris Hancock, James Newell, William N. Jeffers, Joseph Kille, David B. Smith and Thomas Cattrell.

Benjamin Riley, a worthy citizen of Salem, died February 14th.

Dr. T. W. Dyott, M. D., of Philadelphia, advertised this cure alls extensively.

Benjamin Griscom, Samuel Clement, William N. Jeffers, Thomas Cave and Daniel L. Miller were elected directors of the Salem Steam Mill and Mfg. Co.

Benjamin Griscom was chosen President and Samuel Clement, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dr. Thomas Yarrow was appointed post master at Sharptown in place of Benjamin Nichols, Esq., who resigned.

Fogg's Landing at the head of Alloway Creek, was advertised to be sold by James Jessup.

The Tittermary farms in Pilesgrove, one of which was adjacent to Sharptown, were to be sold by Edward Smith, agent for the proprietors.

LaFayette College at Easton, Pa. was established.

A mail robbery occurred between Philadelphia and Washington, D. C.

At the annual Town Meeting held in this town on Tuesday, the 14th inst., the following officers were duly elected, viz:—Edward Smith, Esq., Moderator; Joel Fithian, Clerk; Thomas W. Maskell, Assessor; James Logue, Collector; Adam H. Sickler, James Sherron, Maskell Mulford, Commissioners of Appeal; John Tuft, Esq., Thomas Sinnickson, Esq., Chosen Freeholders; John Sinnickson, Thomas J. York, Surveyors of Highway; Nicholas Peterson, James W. Mulford, Overseers of Poor; William Swing, William Hancock, Constables; Hedge Thompson, Esq., Judge of Election. John Sinnickson, Overseer of Highway. James W. Mulford, Pound keeper, Hedge Thompson, Esq., Thomas Sinnickson, Esq., Morris Hancock, Esq., Doct. Benjamin Archer, Thomas W. Cattell, Township Committee.

Some years ago the compiler purchased of a dealer the Township of Salem record book covering about 100 years prior to the incorporation of the City of Salem and placed it with the Department of Public Records office at Trenton.

Thomas Sinnickson Jr., succeeded to the business of Sinnickson & Stretch. They sold harness, saddles, whips etc. William Morris and Martha Peak were administrators of the estate of Joseph

Peak and advertised his real estate in Pilesgrove to be sold at Richard Fisher's tavern in Woodstown. They were the parents of Morris Peak, grand father of Morris P. Newton of Sharptown.

Sinnickson C. Tuft sold his store goods at Auction at Quinton's Bridge. His store house was for rent.

Jarvis Butcher opened a hatting business opposite the residence of Rev. Joseph Sheppard in Salem.

An exhibition of the Salem County Agricultural Society was to be held in Salem May 16, 1826.

John Sinnickson was Captain of the Salem Artillery Company which paraded at Quinton Bridge on parade day.

Six men including John Rose, applied for the benefits of the insolvency laws.

It may be that some reader of the *Sunbeam* can tell where the Alloway's Creek Neck School house was located. It had an advertisement in the Messenger of April 19, 1826 as follows:

School Master Wanted—A person who can come well recommended may, by applying soon, obtain an advantageous situation in the School on Alloway's Creek Neck. Application may be made to either of the subscribing trustees.

EDWARD WADDINGTON
MARK STEWART
JOSEPH PANCOAST
BENJAMIN HARRIS
JOSEPH BOWEN

April 17, 1826.

The following advertisement was also printed April 19, 1826.

Canal—Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Salem Creek Canal Company, that the annual meeting of said company will be on the first Monday in May next, at Malachi Knizell's Tavern in Sharptown, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when all the said stockholders are most respectfully invited to attend.

This canal served to make Courses Landing a shipping place. The compiler saw the dock piled high with watermelons, cantaloupes, grapes, apples, etc. on many occasions in the summers of 1855-87. His parents moved off the Mannington farm March 25, 1888 a couple of weeks after the famous blizzard. On the second day of the storm he walked to Sharptown and back for medicine for his father and nearly perished. A large black oak tree on the Pancoast farm was the shelter that revived him.

Elisha Collins was a horse shoer and kept an assortment of ploughs for sale.

Richard Craven was appointed postmaster at the new post office at Craven's ferry called Kinseyville post office.

John C. Biddle was drowned in the Delaware river.

Thomas Bines, a former member of Congress from this district, died April 9 1826.

A Grand Consolidated Lottery with big prizes for the internal improvement of the City of Washington was advertised. The grand prize was \$60,000.

The shad, rock, and herring fishing of John Redstrake in L. P. Neck was to be sold at public vendue by his executors.

George W. Conarroe sold cabinet furniture in the shop of William G. Beesley, also eight-day clocks, commencing his advertising May 3. He made coffins too.

Col. Peter Souder, Andrew Vanneman, David Randolph Davis, Philip Souder and Capt. John Sparks, aged 69, an officer in the Revolution, all passed away.

Michael Null and Henry Smith ground grain and carded wool into rolls at the Sharptown mill.

John Colvin succeeded Abraham McAltioner at the old Sharp mill, where he converted wool into cloth and did dying, scouring, pressing, fulling, weaving, etc. McAltioner removed from the old Sharp mill to Woodstown. He received wool for carding, spinning or manufacturing.

Nearly every water power mill had its wool carder a century ago and the business of wool carding seems to have been of considerable size. George B. McAltioner is the grandson of the above and knows the ancient fulling process.

The woods for a space of five or six miles at Squankum got on fire, commencing at the Coal Kiln near the Gloucester County Poor House. One man lost three hundred cords of wood ready for the markets. Squankum is now Williamstown.

Edmund Dare operated the tavern and ferry at L. P. Neck ferry. He kept small row and sail-boats for passengers. This place was the Horatio Lawrence tavern.

Hewes and Elizabeth Crispin were administrators of the estate of Joseph Crispin, deceased.

Dr. Thomas Rowan, commissioner advertised for bids, by prepaid postage, to McAdamize one of the streets of Salem, from the jail to the old bridge, width

20 ft., so far as one thousand dollars would cover the cost. There were no bond issues involved here. The people of Salem County have always had an eye on economy and the compiler congratulates his native county on its present financial condition. He saw Charles Hires, an old school mate in the Coffee Shop at Woodbury a few days ago. He was somewhat heavier than when he attended the Prickett College of Commerce in Philadelphia in 1891. It is possible that he put his education as an accountant to good use when he was a Salem County Freeholder during the "New Era" of a few years ago.

Bishop Croes preached at St. Georges and St. Johns Churches, May 28, 1826.

A post office was established at Allowaystown with Wm. W. Wood as postmaster.

Dr. David Jayne was appointed first post master at Canton. He was the "patent medicine" man.

The Salem County Agricultural Society held its first exhibition at Salem.

Richard Somers, Lewis Green, Robert G. Johnson, George Hall, Job Tyler, Joel Fithian, Joseph Black, David Ware and Joseph Hancock were among those who won prizes for the best horses, cattle, swine and sheep.

The Female Benevolent Society met at the Quaker Meeting House. It had lost 44 members for different reasons.

David C. Wills opened a "Lancasterian School" in the Salem Seminary.

David Jayne called the Lower Alloways Creek Infantry to parade in Salem, according to law, June 6th.

The Salem Horse Guards Guards, the First Regiment, the Second Regiment, the Salem Infantry, the Salem Artillery, the Upper Penns Neck Infantry and the Sharptown Rifles were also ordered to parade.

Three columns were devoted to the address of Robert G. Johnson, Esq., which he delivered at the cattle show and fair.

The annual meeting of the Salem County Bible Society was held in St. John's Church.

Lewis Maires made cigars of high quality at \$8 per thousand. Good quality \$3.50 per thousand. These latter must have been the kind that retailed two for a cent a century ago.

Rev. Ezekiel Jayne, pastor of the Baptist Church in L. A. Creek, died on May 27, 1826.

Thomas Thompson died aged 81 years. General John Beatty died at Trenton in his 78th year.

William Griffith, Esq., clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at Burlington in his 59th year. He was a member of the New Jersey Bar.

John Waters and Jonathan Belton of Allowaystown dissolved partnership. J. Waters at Fogg's Landing settled the accounts.

The Baptist Church of Salem held some kind of an anniversary which lasted three days.

Aaron Bavis carried on a tailoring business in Salem.

William T. Mulford advertised red cedar posts.

Atkinson & Alexander published "The Casket" in Philadelphia in connection with the Saturday Evening Post.

The Bridgeton Observer and Washington Whig newspapers united under the title of "Washington Whig and Bridgeton Observer and Cumberland, Cape May and Salem Advertiser." The Salem Messenger editor asked why they did not annex a few more counties.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence received the following notice:

The principal military celebration of the ensuing anniversary of Independence in this county, will, as may be seen from the following notice of arrangements, take place at Allowaystown. R. P. Thompson, Esq., has been requested, and has accepted the invitation, to deliver an oration on the occasion. The day will also be celebrated at Mr. Hackett's, in Upper Penn's Neck, by one or two companies and citizens: and in this town by the citizens,—a meeting having been held "at the Court House last evening pursuant to notice given, to make arrangements.

Fourth of July—The American jubilee, or Fiftieth Anniversary of Independence will be celebrated at Allowaystown, on the 4th of July ensuing. A procession will be formed at 9 o'clock A. M. and escorted by the uniform battalion, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, when an Oration may be expected, by Richard P. Thompson, Esq. Capt. Henry Fries is appointed Marshal of the military; Capt. Rowan, President and Capt. Sinnickson, Vice President of the day: Col. Richman, and Majors Logue, McAlister and Garton, Inspectors of military. Uniform Companies and private

citizens from all parts of the County are respectfully invited to attend and join the procession. Seats will be appropriated in the Church for the ladies, who it is hoped, will honour the occasion by a general attendance.

The prices of commodities in Salem were: Wheat .75-.85, Rye .70-.75, Oats .44-.50, Lard .09-.10, Tallow .08, Pork .04-.06, Hams .08-.10, Potatoes .75-\$1.00.

C. A. Coulomb, a Frenchman, solicited pupils to learn French at five dollars a quarter.

Brooks dated the Messenger in double form thus "Salem (N. J.) Wednesday (Fourth Day) July (Seventh Month) 26th, 1826."

James Sims of Mannington married Mrs. Ann Hall of Elsenborough in New Castle.

The publisher of the Messenger in the July 26, 1826 number made the following statement:

"We have had it some time in contemplation, as a number of our friends with whom we have advised on the subject, are aware, of enlarging our form the ensuing fall, and printing on a larger size sheet; or else of publishing a size less, twice a week, at about \$3 per year. Two causes have operated against our doing the former heretofore: one of which was, it required more labor than we were able to bestow without hiring an extra hand, which the profits of the business does not warrant—the other is, that the press will not admit a larger sized form than the one which we now occupy it. The advancement in the business of our young hands has caused the former objection to cease—and if our delinquent subscribers would bring up their arrears, we should be enabled to obtain a new press with which we might print a paper of the largest size. When they come to know that their neglect in this matter, is the only objection in the way of their receiving a larger sized paper, we can scarcely doubt they will immediately forward their remittances for that end."

Rev. Jephtha Abbott died near Union Meeting House, Gloucester County, July 3, 1826 in his 73d year.

Job Stathem commenced cordwaining in the shop lately occupied by Doctor Hazlehurst adjoining the chair making shop of William G. Beesley. A cordwainer was a boot and shoe maker.

Post offices were established at Pedricktown, Sculldown, Helms Cove, Allowaystown and Foster's Store in Pittsgrove.

A mail line was inaugurated between Salem and Bridgeton via Allowaystown. It left Fridays and returned the next day.

A teacher was wanted in the Seminary of Salem.

Mulford & Fithian commenced a cooperative business in Salem.

The new school fostered by the Baptists was accomodating sixty children. The Board of Managers was composed of William N. Jeffers, President; John Tuft, Daniel Garrison, Morris Hancock, Joseph Clement, Edward Smith and Joseph Sheppard. The compiler should like to hear from a descendant of Jeffers.

The sloop Robert Morris, Captain Shaw, two masts, 35 tons, carried a cargo of watermelons from Woodbury to Norristown. It was the largest boat to ascend the Schuylkill river.

A grist mill formerly called Newkirk's Mill also a saw mill etc. in U. A. Creek 1½ miles from Dare's Store on the road from Cumberland to Cooper's Ferry, was offered at public vendue by Samuel Kean.

The sloop Unity, Capt. Aaron Wilkins of Woodbury was wrecked on Great Egg Harbor Beach.

Four or five men caught forty-one pounds of trout in Alloways Creek. Can any reader recall ever having heard of trout in this fine stream of Salem County? The State has a mighty efficient shad, yellow and white perch hatchery there at present which hatches out many millions of eggs. If the people of Salem County should activate themselves a little, Alloways Creek, an unpolluted stream, could be stocked to produce thousands of dollars worth of shad annually. The shad fishermen of Maurice river who fully co-operate with the State are doing nicely in a business way. Maybe Senator S. R. Leap and former Senator Gilbert Borton will look into this suggestion. All that is needed is a share of the shad roe and melt mixed together at the State shad hatchery at Hancock's Bridge. No public money of New Jersey is more effectivily spent than at this historic place.

The annual report of the New Jersey Colonization Society held at Princeton, July 10th, was printed in the September 13th number. L. Q. C. Elmer, Esq. was an active member. While this Society was endeavoring to return negroes to Africa, pirates and slave traders were sneaking them into the South.

William G. Beasley married Rachel, the daughter of Woodnut Pettit of Mannington, September 6, 1826.

Wm. J. Shinn had a sixty-five gallon copper still for sale for thirty-five dollars.

The New Jersey Oyster Company of which John E. Jeffers was Sec'y, held a meeting at Jeremiah Buck's tavern in Bridgeton, Sept. 16th.

The New Constitution and Marianna, two sloops, operated as the Union Line of Packets between the old wharf in Salem and Philadelphia. Enoch and George Boon were the Captains and each made one round trip weekly. Politics were rife at this time and consumed entire columns of space.

The wife of George Rumsey, late of Delaware, died.

Benjamin Ireland, James D. Allen, David Davis, Jr., Samuel Wible, all advertised runaway indentured servants.

The second semi-annual Cattle Show and Fair of the Salem County Agriculture Society was held at Sharptown, on October 31, 1826. Robert G. Johnson was president.

William W. Wallace of Sharptown wanted clients to pay their store and vendue accounts.

Israel R. Clawson was elected to Council (State Senate)

The Female Tract Society held its annual meeting November 4th at the Salem Academy. It had delivered 4,000 tracts during the five years of its existence.

Stacy Lloyd's wife died in Upper Alloways Creek township.

C. A. Coulomb offered to fix horizontal sun dials calculated for the meridian of New Jersey, marking them for the hours of six A. M. to six P. M., with divisions of three minutes.

The Messenger evidently was changed to a semi-weekly issue in November.

The last number in the bound file was dated Dec. 20, 1826.

On the last page there is a prospectus of an American History of two volumes with 5 maps and 20 plates by C. S. Rafinesque, proprietor. He required a certain number of subscribers before the work was published. Inasmuch as the compiler has never seen or heard of this work of the famous Rafinesque he has doubt that it was ever published. The advertisement follows:

AMERICAN HISTORY

No general history of this Continent having ever been attempted, it has been considered highly desirable that this deficiency should be at last filled up, and a

beginning, (if no more), made towards furnishing our literature and schools, with a general account of the events, transactions and revolutions that have happened in this Continent from the earliest records of our times.

I have therefore made this attempt, and after many years of researches, studies and enquiries, after consulting about 1,000 Writers on America, surveying our ancient monuments, and comparing all the local chronologies and languages, I have succeeded to complete the frame of the history of North and South America, the West Indies, etc. from the earliest time to this day.

The Prospectus of this work has been issued, and circumstances requiring that a certain number of subscribers should be procured before it is published, I appeal with confidence to the patronage of all, in behalf of this national work and undertaking.

But it is particularly to the *Editors of Public Journals and Papers*, as well as to *Booksellers and Postmasters* throughout the United States, that I now address myself, and invite them to foster this work, by receiving subscriptions for the same. The subscription is only \$5 for 2 vols. 8 yo. with 5 maps and 20 plates.

They will receive in return a copy gratis for every 9 subscribers they may procure, or a commission of 10 per cent. at their option, on any number of subscribers large or small; equal to a half a dollar for each subscriber. They are requested to forward within 6 months a copy of their lists, to the Editors of the Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia.

C. S. RAFINESQUE, Proprietor.

The Salem Messenger was published under that name until the latter part of February 1834 when it became the Weekly Visitor. A few weeks later in March it was combined with the American Statesman of Salem, which had started publication May 22, 1830.

The Compiler does not know the new name of the combination nor anything about its subsequent career. It, however, is likely that a search of the files of the Camden, Trenton, and Mt. Holly newspapers would disclose what happened to its name.

If any reader knows of the earliest files of the Messenger or its successor, it is hoped that he will advise the compiler of these notes, from the files, in the possession of the Sunbeam.

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